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PAKISTAN: Plutonium Reprocessing Delayed

Scientists at Pakistan's New Laboratories plutonium reprocessing plant believe that political considerations are preventing preparations to start up the facility. [REDACTED] They believe that failure to move ahead now will delay the initiation of reprocessing beyond 1985. Technical personnel at New Labs are frustrated and fear that the delays are hurting their careers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] political factors are perhaps more responsible than technical ones for delaying the startup of New Labs. Pakistani scientists apparently are cautious about the political implications even of activities that fall short of reprocessing, such as cold testing of the plant. [REDACTED]

Serious morale problems among frustrated scientists could adversely affect Pakistan's nuclear program. [REDACTED]